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Reporter takes turn at controls of police simulator.

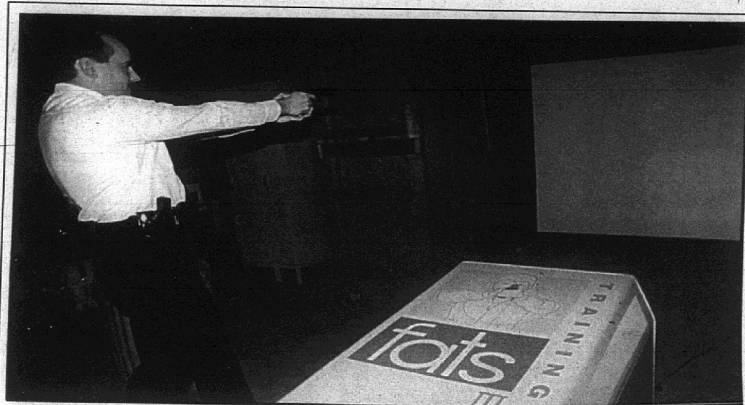
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Granite City Police Chief Dave Ruebhausen takes careful aim at a suspect with a gun on the screen of the Firearms Advanced Training System.

## Practice makes perfect

## Police situations simulated

By Bob Slate  
Staff writer

As a police officer, you respond to a call reporting a kidnapping in progress in the park. You arrive and briefly speak to a nine-year-old boy who points to a man dragging another small child to a car. You tell the man to halt and he does. He releases the child, but reaches behind his back with his

right hand, pulls something from his waist band and begins to raise his arm toward you. Is it a wallet with identification? Is it a handgun, knife or other weapon?

You have less than a second to decide what to do. That is just one of more than 30 scenarios depicted in a \$250,000 state-of-the-art police simulation device currently being used by the Granite City Police Department.

The Firearm Advanced Training System (FATS) III is owned by the Southwestern Illinois Law Enforcement Commission (SWILEC), a group responsible for training and support of local law enforcement agencies in the region.

The FATS III system consists of a giant machine that projects targets, scenes from a laser disc or other images onto a large

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## Madison takes aim at Stages

By Scott Cousins  
Staff writer

Madison aldermen concerned about underage drinkers and drunken drivers coming out of Stages nightclub have ordered city police to take action, including DUI checkpoints.

Police Chief Steve Skoklo said he would contact the Illinois State Police for assistance, but also told council members that they need to consider banning anyone under 21 from nightclubs and bars.

The nightclub had been owned by Tom Venezia — who was convicted Dec. 2 of racketeering, conspiracy to commit racketeering, operating an illegal gambling business and conspiracy to defraud the Internal Revenue Service — but the nightclub was forfeited along with other property after Venezia's bond was revoked.

The club's liquor license is held by his wife, Erin Griffin Venezia, who was convicted of gambling and is awaiting sentencing.

The city had been preparing to seize the club's liquor license in late December, but were told by officials

"We can go in there on Friday and we can arrest 25-50 teen-agers who are drinking."

— Ron Grzywacz  
Alderman

from the U.S. Marshal's office that they could not take action until Erin Venezia was sentenced.

That hearing is set for March 8 at the U.S. Courthouse in East St. Louis.

At Tuesday's council meeting, Alderman John Hamm said he wanted a sobriety checkpoint to deal with the problem.

Other aldermen said they have also received complaints about underage drinking at the club — which, according to police, has had a reputation for serving minors.

Alderman Ron Grzywacz said that although the federal government now

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## TIF district gets final OK

By Scott Cousins  
Staff writer

A tax increment financing district that will include an expanded Gateway International Raceway was approved by the Madison City Council Tuesday.

The council approved a series of ordinances and resolutions setting up the approximately 600-acre district in the southeastern part of the city.

A \$21.5 million improvement to the

raceway will be the main thrust of the district. City officials have also said a major improvement is planned for the truck stop, but plans have not been made public yet.

Other potential developments include a golf course, hotels and other commercial developments.

A public hearing was held on the proposed district on Jan. 16.

It's going to be a beautiful and lasting relationship between the Gateway

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## Cold greeting for February

The start of February is giving local residents little hope that the frigid weather is drawing to a close.

At Lambert Field in St. Louis, the temperature bottomed out at 0 degrees overnight Tuesday. Blustery winds pushed the wind chill factor to a low of 24 degrees below zero early Wednesday morning, according to the National Weather Service.

Snow was forecast for today, but weathermen still weren't sure Wednesday how much to expect.

The stint in the deep freeze also frustrated area motorists, some of whom couldn't get inside their cars — much less get them to start. Frigid temperatures zapped batteries and froze car locks, keeping several towing companies busy and making de-icer popular.

## Accidental shooting linked to drug trade

By Bob Slate  
Staff writer

An incident Monday in which a 9-year-old boy accidentally shot his mother in a motel room in Mitchell is an excellent example of what can go wrong when dealing with the drug culture, a sheriff's official says.

"It's one of the perils of being on drugs and one of the perils of having guns around children," said Capt. Robert Hertz of the Madison County Sheriff's Department.

The incident took place at about 4:30 p.m. Monday in Room 25 of the Land of Lincoln Motel — where 21-year-old Marilyn Vignola of Edwardsville and her family were hiding from drug dealers to whom she owes thousands of dollars,

Hertz said. Vignola, who was shot in the upper shoulder, was treated for the injury at St. Elizabeth Medical Center and released.

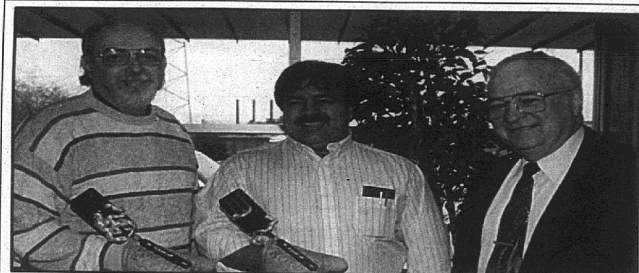
"It certainly could have easily been a tragic situation," Hertz said.

Vignola was charged Tuesday with endangering the life of a child, a misdemeanor, for allowing her son access to a .380-caliber handgun.

Another son, age 7, Vignola's estranged husband Ralph, 43, against whom she has an order of protection, and George Ahrens, a 43-year-old friend, were all in the room with Vignola and her 9-year-old son when the shooting took place, Hertz said.

He said Ahrens first showed the handgun to the 9-year-old

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(Staff photo by JOHN FRESE)

**Reward** — Tri-Cities Area Chamber of Commerce past president Pete Gunnell and Second Vice President Joe Juneau were awarded some tools of the trade by chamber Executive Vice President R.C. Bush, right, for their effort last year cooking for the picnic following the Community Pride Committee's clean-up campaign. The awards were given in hopes that the two will use them at this year's picnic, to be held April 20. More photos on Page 5A.

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John Fuller, Chief Meteorologist, KSNB-TV Channel 5

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## Best Bet

Behind every successful operation is a good secretary: someone who not only files, types, answers the telephone and makes appointments, but also manages to hold things together in times of crisis.

Sharon Parker was voted "best secretary" by readers of the Press-Record and Journal. Parker is in her ninth year as secretary at Wilson Elementary School in Granite City.

"I am surprised and grateful for this honor and very proud to be a member of the Wilson School staff," she said.

She said Wilson is an excellent example of a "neighborhood school" and has strong support from parents, teachers and support staff.



Sharon Parker

## 15-year-old may receive 60 years

By Bob Slate  
Staff writer

A 15-year-old former Brooklyn boy has pleaded guilty to attempted murder in connection with the brutal July 31 beating of a runaway teen in Granite City.

Patrick Gibson, most recently of O'Fallon, entered a straight guilty plea Monday and could face up to 60 years in prison, Granite City Police Chief Dave Ruebhausen said.

While attempted murder usually carries a prison term of six to 30 years, prosecutors have said they will seek twice

the maximum under a state law that allows extended terms for especially brutal crimes.

Gibson had previously been certified to stand trial as an adult.

Erskine Thompson, 17, and William Smith, 19, both of Venice, are also charged in the beating of Anthony W. Cammack, formerly of Glen Carbon.

Prosecutors have said the three punched, kicked, strangled and threw a 60-pound chunk of concrete on Cammack, then left him near the alley between Delmar and Ed

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(Staff photo by BOB SLATE)

Madison County Sheriff's Deputy Harold Wilson interviews a witness to Monday's shooting at the Land of Lincoln motel in Mitchell as another officer secures the scene. The incident was initially reported as a drive-by shooting, but an investigation revealed that it was accidental.

## •Shooting

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and then handed it to the boy, who pulled the trigger.

Although Edgar has until March 21 to act on the legislation, Allen Grossbill, leader of the bill review team, said he expected the governor to make a decision long before then.

Ahrens was charged with endangering the life of a child and possessing a firearm without an

identification card.

Ralph Vignola was charged with violating the protection order and with obstructing a peace officer.

The incident was initially reported as a drive-by shooting, but the weapon was recovered from the back seat of Ralph Vignola's car, parked in front of the motel room.

The boys were taken into protective custody pending a hearing.

## 14 warrants catch up with man

By Scott Cousins  
Staff writer

Madison police looking for two people who failed to pay a taxi driver instead found a man wanted on more than a dozen outstanding warrants.

Freddie B. Baker Jr., 19, of the 700 block of Madison Avenue, Madison, was arrested late Tuesday. He was in custody Wednesday at the Madison County jail and bond was set at \$11,595.

A record check showed Baker was wanted on 14 warrants, ranging from failure to appear for driving with no insurance to unlawful delivery of a controlled substance.

Most of the warrants were for failure to appear on various charges, including three

counts of driving without insurance, two counts of disregarding a stop sign, and one each of driving while revoked, battery, having an expired vehicle registration, no seat belt, driving a police dog, resisting a police officer, inuring with a suspended license, and truancy.

He was also charged with two counts of unlawful delivery of a controlled substance.

According to reports at approximately 11:30 p.m. were called to the 700 block of Madison after a taxi driver reported two subjects failed to pay him.

The driver said he observed the two in a yard. During a search of the property police found Baker.

The other two were also found and one of them agreed to pay the taxi driver.

## Retirement workshop set

Worry free retirement requires careful planning. A special workshop sponsored by the Country Companies Insurance Group, "Retirement Planning and your Options," will help you deal with those plans.

The public is invited to attend the free workshop on retirement planning 6:30-7:30 p.m. on Feb. 7 at Ravenelli's Restaurant, 3 American Village Shopping Center. Reservations are required and on a first-come, first-serve basis. Please contact Country Companies at 451-7084.

At the workshop, insurance agents Gregg Austin and Bob Shaw will have two financial advisers discuss retirement planning, including estimating retirement expenses, expected sources of income and investments to help you attain your goals. Easy-to-use worksheets will be provided, and guidelines on how to minimize taxes, increase your investment income and plan your estate will be discussed.

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## Best Bet balloting

The following people received votes for best secretary in this month's Best Bet voting conducted by the Press-Record/Journal:

Sharon Parker, Wilson School	88
Rhonda Tippler, Koetting Ford	16
Melanie McFarland, Marshall School	15
Pam Cahill, Bowland Lanes	11
Kathy Martinez, GC schools	10
Betty Lewis, 2nd Baptist Church	8
Kathy Edwards, Madison County	7
Pat Loftus, St. Elizabeth Catholic Church	7
Elaine Kraus, Royce Century 21	6
Catherine Tripp, Maryville School	5
Gussie Glasper, Venice Board of Education	5
Laura Luehmann, GC Press-Record	4
Georgann Georgeff, GCHS	4
Michelle Tillman, American Family	3
Gail Kendall, Frohardt Elementary School	3
Faye Poole, Slate Law Office	3
Barbara Bilbrey, GC Schools	2
Linda Martin, Harvest Assembly	2
Joann Arth, Catholic Charities	2
Keri Kofall, Koetting Ford	2
Patricia Justice, Becker and Assoc.	2
Gladys Zukas, GCHS	2
Norma Kacera, Coolidge Middle School	2
Judy Miller, SEMC	1
Thelma Davis, Monsanto	1
Shirley Worster, Suburban Baptist	1
Jolene Terrell, Madison County Baptist Association	1
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Maurine Hayes, GC library	1
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## Free haircuts, meals

# Veterans Stand Down draws grateful crowd

By Martin Richter  
Staff writer

Gigi Hulse spent her Saturday giving haircuts, for free, to down-on-their-luck veterans at the Metro East Veterans Stand Down 1996.

The event, held at American Legion Post 365 in Collinsville, offered veterans three hot meals, free clothing and the chance to talk to representatives of agencies offering veterans services. There even was a place to get a shower and — courtesy of Hulse and two others — a haircut.

"There were a couple of us here, and we gave about 25 or 30 haircuts," Hulse said. "You wouldn't believe how excited some of them were just to have their hair cut. One lady said 'Maybe this will help me get a job.'"

And Hulse, a Collinsville resident and member of the American Legion Auxiliary, thinks a late relative of hers may have been watching with approval.

"Today's my grandfather's birthday — he passed away in June — and he was in the military," Hulse said. "He always bragged on his time in the military and the services they provided. He'd be really proud of me."

The event was organized by the American Legion's 22nd District, which covers the counties of Madison, St. Clair, Monroe, Bond and Washington. Co-chairmen were Ken Lamoreaux of Collinsville, 22nd District commander; and Dorothy Hinson of Madison, a past state president of the American Legion Auxiliary.

About 125 volunteers came from throughout the district to help with the day-long event, which was attended by more than 70 veterans.

"We've got volunteers from Freeburg, Smithton, Belleville, Alton — a lot of Collinsville — Venice, Madison, East St. Louis," Hinson said.

Among services offered were job services and referrals, education opportunities, temporary financial assistance, help with veterans benefits, discharge upgrades and medical and dental exams.

Hinson said the term stand down dates back to World War I, when battle-weary front line troops would stand down and go to the rear for some rest and recuperation — to get their wits back, and clean them up."

The modern day stand down is a chance for veterans who are having a hard time to get some assistance to help prepare them to return to the front lines of life.

"It's kind of our saying that if we help one veteran we've succeeded."

— Ken Lamoreaux  
Event co-chairman

This is the first time a stand down has been tried in the Legion's 22nd District, but Lamoreaux and Hinson said it probably won't be the last. The event won praise from the volunteers for its organization, and from veterans for the services and opportunities it offered.

Jim Taylor of Mitchell, the Legion's commander for Madison and Bond counties, escorted several of the veterans through the event. He said the veterans were extremely grateful for the free services.

He said one veteran from Granite City who brought his family got a job referral, haircuts for himself and family members, and help with electric, heat and water bills.

John Johnston, a retired brigadier general who now works as a veteran's affairs coordinator for the Illinois Secretary of State's office, drove 100 miles to volunteer at the event.

"I think the Collinsville area can be real proud of what's been done here today," he said. "I think this is just one of those things that we don't do enough of."

Veteran Sylvester Roddy of Centerville brought his son and daughter, ages 11 and 12, to the event. They loaded up on clothes and blankets, and his daughter was positively beaming as she picked out a pair of shoes.

"This is good," Roddy said. "For the last 20-something years since I've been out of the service this is the first time I've had any kind of assistance from any kind of veterans organization."

Roddy said he got some information on disability payments, and two job leads that he planned to follow up on Monday.

"I was a bus driver for 17 years, but I got sick and had a stroke," he said. "Since then I've been having kind of a scuffle."

Like all of the volunteers at Saturday's event, coordinators Lamoreaux and Hinson felt good about what was accomplished.

"It's kind of our saying," Lamoreaux said, "that if we help one veteran we've succeeded."

"And we've helped many today," Hinson said.

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**THE LAW AND YOU**

By RICK REED  
Attorney At Law



Let's assume that you are a spectator at a baseball game sitting in an unreserved seat, and you are hit by a batted ball. Can you recover damages from the batter and the baseball team for your injuries? Here you would probably be barred from recovery because of a doctrine known as assumption of risk.

For this doctrine to apply, the injured person must have a knowledge of the risk involved and a willing acceptance of this risk and the danger. In Illinois, the defense of assumption of the risk is limited to situations where there is a contractual relationship between the parties or where the parties stand in the position of employer and employee. With regard to the contractual relationship situation, a common example is that of a person who has paid an admission fee for entry onto amusement or recreational premises. If he is injured in this setting, having full knowledge of the risk involved, then he cannot recover monetary damages.

One of the most notable cases involving a local man dealt with a pit crew member who was struck and injured by a car at a Granite City race track. The crew member was injured when a race car struck him soon after the restart of a race halted by rain. When injured, the crew member was working about his twelfth time at the track. The evidence presented at trial indicated that he had signed a release form the first time he worked, although he had not read it.

The pit crew member was awarded a substantial sum of money by the jury. This award, however, was reversed by the Court of Appeals. The Appellate Court noted that the crewman had placed himself in a position on the track at an area where cars tended to leave the track and enter the infield. There also had been announcements warning people to stay away from the area where the crewman was injured.

The Court found that the crew member's mere participation in the races and his signature on the release indicated an awareness of the dangers and a willing acceptance of them. In this case, the crew member was unable to recover damages because he assumed the risk. It is apparent that this doctrine of assumption of the risk, which prevents the injured party from recovering damages, will be applied by the Courts on a case by case basis.

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# Edgar team hears energy plant supporters

## Bellcoff sends letter to governor noting city's backing of exemption

Proponents of wood-burning energy plants — including projects in Madison and Wood River — met with members of the governor's bill review team Tuesday in Springfield.

A letter to Gov. Jim Edgar from Madison Mayor John Bellcoff citing a doubling of the city of Madison's tax base and several hundred construction and permanent jobs was part of the city's effort to persuade the governor to amend a proposed plan to preserve state tax incentives for waste-to-energy plants.

At Tuesday's city council, meeting Bellcoff said he could not attend the meeting in Springfield, but sent the letter instead.

Supporters of the proposed \$75 million Madison and \$118 million Wood River projects have urged the governor to use his amendatory veto power to allow projects already site approved to remain eligible for the incentive.

The council discussed several matters relating to the proposed Metro East LLC project, a 60-megawatt power plant that would be fueled by waste wood and coal. Developers said the plant, and an adjoining fuel processing plant, would provide 20 permanent jobs.

Council members also criticized State Reps. Tom Holbrook, D-Bellefonte, and Jay Hoffman, D-Collinsville, who both voted in favor of a repeal of the subsidy provided to such plants through the Retail Rate Act.

Holbrook said at the time of his vote that he thought the law was bad, but planted some kind of a compromise to allow plants already under development to continue to receive the subsidy.

The 1988 law that requires utilities to

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purchase power from alternative producers at the rate charged local municipalities. That rate is significantly higher than the utilities' cost of producing electricity and the utilities are reimbursed through a state utility tax credit. Opponents of the plants call the subsidy corporate welfare, and say it would cost the taxpayers approximately \$180,000 per year for each job created.

They also said increased pollution would increase cancer and death rates.

The governor and supporters of the repeal have cited the potential loss of billions of dollars in state tax revenues if all proposed alternative energy projects continue to receive the subsidy.

Attorneys for developers reportedly contended the state cannot retroactively invalidate the law.

The governor's bill review team is expected

to wrap up meetings with groups interested in the legislation today before starting work on its report to the governor.

The team has heard from dozens of groups, ranging from environmental and community

activists supporting the subsidy's repeal to local officials, developers and financial institutions urging the amendatory veto.

From the *Alton Telegraph* with information supplied by staff writer Scott Cousins.

## SEMC's Speakers Bureau Presents

George Williams, MD, cardiologist

Feb. 5, at 7 p.m.

Edwardsville Health Center

1121 University Drive

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*Surviving Your Spouse's Heart Attack.*

Couples are urged to attend.

Kevin Konzen, MD, Internist

Feb. 12, at 7 p.m.

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Couples are urged to attend.

To register for either seminar, call 798-3201, before Feb. 5

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## Madison garbage rates set

By Scott Cousins  
Staff writer

A rate schedule for commercial garbage collection was set by the Madison City Council Tuesday.

An ordinance setting the fees — ranging from \$9 to \$234 per month — was approved by the council Tuesday.

The cost is determined by combining the size and number of refuse collections per week. Sizes range from a 90-gallon to a 6-cubic-yard container, with from one to five collections per week.

In the past the city has collected residential trash, and the new commercial service is optional.

The ordinance also sets up collection and late payment fees.

The council also approved a \$13,500 contract with Evans Architects Planners of Collinsville for engineering and design work on the new city hall.

The city recently purchased the Lahey-Sedlak Funeral Home at 615 Madison Ave. in part because of the difficulties in making the present city hall comply with the ADA.

The firm will be responsible for design involving compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. The cost of that phase of the renovations will be paid with a \$107,000 grant from Madison County Community Development.

The original \$125,000 grant was to have been used to install an elevator at the present city hall, 159 Third St. The elevator would have made the second floor council chambers and offices accessible.

Difficulties in tying it in to the existing building — built in 1907 — made the project too expensive.

Alderman Michael Vrabec also said there would be a meeting of the council's Legislative Committee to consider business licensing for owners of rental property.

The meeting is scheduled for 6 p.m. Monday in the council chambers.

## Summerstage sets auditions for comedy

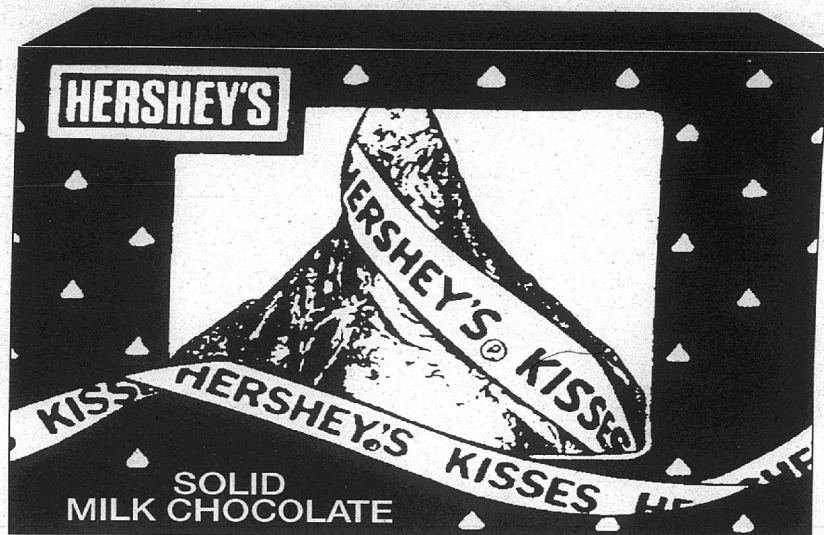
Summerstage Playhouse in Granite City will hold open auditions for the "Curious Savage" at 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 15, at the theater, located at 2906 Pershing Ave. in Granite City.

This comedy, which has some serious overtones, has roles available for five men from early 30s to mid 50s and six women from late 20s to early 60s, a spokesman said.

Auditions will consist of cold readings from the script. The production is directed by Tracy Ellis.

For more information and directions, call 451-0906. Performances will be in April.

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# Opinion

## Commentary

### Weather at least provides topic for conversation

Talking, writing about the weather is old, trite stuff, right?

E.g., "Everybody talks about the weather, but nobody does anything about it."

"If you don't like the weather, just stick around."

(Insert amount of time here) and it'll change." And so on.

Well, so what? Everybody on the planet discusses the weather. After all, everybody has weather and, one way or another, it affects everybody.

I have sampled weather in several places and I have determined to my own satisfaction that no matter where you are or how you describe it, it's probably not an exaggeration.

My family and I have been living in the Great Midwest for almost exactly two years now, certainly long enough to appreciate the finer points of the local climate.

I should interject here that I am not a winter person, and I shuddered when I learned, for sure, we'd be living here.

An acquaintance back in Virginia (far, far eastern Virginia) chortled, "You're moving where, Beach Boy?"

Shudder.

It was Newport News, Va., January 1994. I packed our youngest, Spencer, who was 10 at the time, and some essentials, along with our somewhat spilt English setter, Chuck, into our aging but roadworthy Volvo. A thousand miles west, and a little northward, our new home awaited. It would await a little longer than I had anticipated, because of, what else, the weather.

Mother Nature was going to acclimate me. Snow. Shudder.

Interstate 64 to the west of Lexington, Ky., was closed.

Two days in a Holiday Inn (with a really swell Holidayone, did a world of good for Spencer, who had been suffering from a touch of relocation anxiety, while heightening my anxiety level as I contemplated the icy, snowy completion of our trek.

Well, to my surprise, once we got out of Kentucky, things improved markedly.

Weatherwise, I was becoming a cold weather veteran. The trick, I discovered, is a good, stout winter coat. Before we'd thought hoods were just some sort of fashion gizmo, a decoration.

It's amazing how the hood takes the edge off of that final evening stroll with the dog.

Anyway, stick around. It'll change, right? Spring brings those wonderful thunderstorms, quickly.

They're quick, even when you're told to expect them. I spent most of that first summer wondering how I'd deal with my first real Midwestern winter. Quite well, thank you.

It was a wimpy affair, not nearly so bone chilling as that

Jay Kelly

33-degree, 90 percent humidity that'll back east.

I eagerly looked forward to a triumphant return "down home," to the beach: "Look at me, I'm from a COLD PLACE now. It's nothing, really. Just dress right."

We went back. It was beautiful. My kind of weather: Hot, breezy, sunny, what a photographer friend of mine calls F-30 days.

For reasons that need not be discussed I really needed a few days on the strand and I was really getting into things and the edge was coming off of my problems, both real and imagined. Stick around and it'll change.

Does the name, "Felix," have meaning for you? It does for me. It is the name of a hurricane, the threat of which caused the public safety officials on our particular stretch of North Carolina's Outer Banks to shut the place

over. It's the first time I've ever been an evacuee.

We, along with 50,000 to 60,000 or more, had never fled before, either inland to escape the storm's fury. Need I say that, in addition to changing, the weather can also not change, thereby defying prediction. Has it ever occurred to you that the only person in the world who can be wrong 50 percent of the time and keep his or her job?

Felix not only took a powder, he vanished and he took with him a perfect score of 1600 on her SAT (Scholastic Assessment Test). As a sophomore, she ALMOST hit the bulls eye on the SAT with a score of 1,590.

Well, let's give the little girl from Waterloo a great, big hand, boys! Hey, look her over: 16-year-old Johanna Franklin, a Super high school junior.

Last October, she aced the ACT (American College Testing) with a 36, a perfect score. In December, she followed that act with a perfect score of 1600 on her SAT (Scholastic Assessment Test). As a sophomore, she ALMOST hit the bulls eye on the SAT with a score of 1,590.

In case you think this is no big deal, be reminded that only 100 students out of 325,000 nationwide got a perfect 36 last October on the ACT and out of the approximately 2-million students who annually take the SAT less than half of one percent, about 10,000 kids, hit the 1,600 mark.

I can't wait 'til spring. Stick around and the weather will change. Talk about it long enough and we might even come up with a way to change it.

But then we'd have to come up with something more cosmic to talk about.

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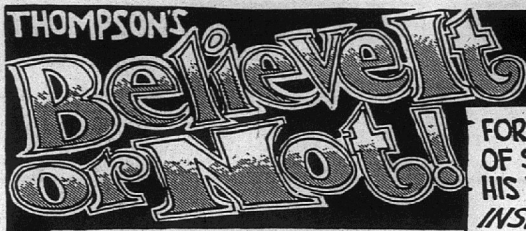
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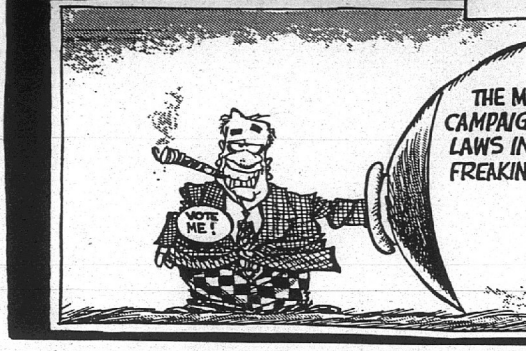
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## Comments from Carol

### Good news: perfect ACT score

Carol Clarkin



Johanna's scholastic accomplishment merited just what folks claim to want to read in the daily newspaper. A big story and a big color photo. Good news, for a change, just what the doctor ordered.

Now, I know that immediately there are those who'll carp that the kid is "a goofy genius or something," and add that, after all, she's going to an expensive private college-prep facility, her parents are rich. In some ways, that's nonsense.

No one could argue the merits of her intelligence, that's a given. But I suspect that private prep school or public school, Johanna would stand out in ANY crowd, in ANY school. Obviously, she was the only student at Governor French who scored perfectly; I suspect there are fellow students in the school who may find difficulty in being accepted at the college of their choice.

Neither do I believe her parents' income has any bearing on her scholastic achievement, but their attitudes and standards undoubtedly have had, in fact, Johanna credits them for their encouragement to "read, to learn, to think." Money can't buy good parenting. Neither can it guarantee it.

The news photo that accompanied the story interested me for several reasons. First, because Johanna, seated at a desk, bears no resemblance to a book-wormish type, she looks like any other bright-eyed 16-year-old and has a smile that would charm the worst curmudgeon.

Behind her is her classroom, a mixed bag from the standpoint of racial-ethnic diversity.

They, like Johanna, are exceptionally attractive kids, uniformly neat and well-groomed. The school obviously has a dress code, the boys all

wearing suit jackets, shirts and ties, the girls wearing dark blazers and casual white shirts.

In saying this, I'm not advocating school uniforms (I flash these kids obviously are wearing them, but I must admit, they look pretty impressive. Neat, clean, attractive. Not a grunge among them, not a drab, dingy jacket fresh from an Army surplus store, not a balloon-logged pair of pants, dragging the mud.

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## Letters to the editor

### 'Spay Day' set for Feb. 27

TO THE EDITOR:

What would you say if someone told you that Madison County could have \$16 in the future for every \$1 it spent today? And, what if doing so would help alleviate a problem that has become a horrible and tragic burden for Madison County and the entire country?

Millions of dogs and cats are killed each year because there are not enough good homes for them. However, unlike most of society's problems, this situation has a simple answer. Responsible citizens can spay or neuter their pets, and the problem will disappear.

It can cost a local animal control facility or shelter as little as \$100 for each unwanted animal brought in, a financial burden which is carried by the entire community.

On the other hand, spaying

or neutering an animal costs much less and makes economic sense. Each dollar spent today on spaying and neutering will save approximately \$18 on animal control by the year 2004.

Our community will be participating in the second "Spay Day USA" on Feb. 27 as part of an ongoing effort, sponsored by the Doris Day Animal League, to have dogs and cats spayed and neutered.

(More than 28,000 dogs and cats were neutered in February 1995, the first-ever Spay Day, which means millions of unwanted births will be prevented in the future.)

Veterinarians, humane societies, legislators and thousands of people have already signed on to help with this national effort.

You can get involved either by having your own pet altered or by sponsoring someone else's animal.

Volunteers are needed, and Madison County residents can

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I would suggest that they were elected because they promised their constituents they would not compromise on balancing the budget, or accept the way business in done in Washington. Now that they are delivering on the campaign promises they made, they are showing more courage and discipline than I ever recall being shown by anyone in Washington.

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## Reporter tries simulator

### Split seconds, life and death

By Bob Slate  
Staff writer

Granite City Police Chief Dave Ruebhausen gave me a Glock 40-caliber semi-automatic pistol last week and sent me on a disturbance call and to arrest a kidnapper in the park. Neither the incidents nor the weapon were real — Ruebhausen isn't foolish enough to put a real gun in my hands. They were simulations on the Firearms Advanced Training System (FATS) III, on loan to the department from the Southwestern Illinois Law Enforcement Commission (SWILEC).

Of course, there is no real danger involved in participating in a simulated situation — except for the ribbing one might take from observers for being shot (or worse, for shooting an innocent bystander). But the advantages for police training are obvious. The more experience one has at making difficult, split-second, life-and-death decisions, the better choices one will probably make in the future.

FATS is a versatile training machine. Officers (or reporters) can try their hand at shooting still targets at distances of three to 35 meters or shooting "flashpoint" targets that pop up and disappear at random intervals with a variety of weapons. "We used a Glock because that's what our officers use on the street," Ruebhausen said.

But the most interesting and challenging aspect of FATS III is the scenario training mode.

While police departments can record their own situations for video training, the system has on laser disc 30 different scenarios used by the Los Angeles Police Department. Most scenarios can be programmed as a "shoot" or "no shoot" situation, and all have a number of different branches — points at which the training officer can have the suspect shoot, throw down his weapon or run away.

For example, Ruebhausen was patrolling a park when FATS III had a report of a kidnapping. A small boy pointed at a man dragging another child toward a car. Ruebhausen told the man to let the boy go, which he did. The man then reached around behind his back, pulled out a handgun, and pointed it at Ruebhausen.

Ruebhausen fatally wounded the suspect — twice — before the kidnapper could get off a single shot. And the chief did it in less than half a second after the suspect's gun was visible, considerably better than the average officer.

That is when Ruebhausen handed me a gun. The scenario was replayed, but with a twist.

As I pointed the gun at the alleged kidnapper, he reached around behind his back, pulled out the gun — and dropped it to the ground.

Fortunately, I did not shoot. In a second scenario I participated in, there was a report of an "unknown disturbance" in an automotive garage. As I walked in the building, I heard banging. I wondered, "Are those gunshots? Is somebody pounding the dents out of a fender?"

The owner of the garage stepped out from behind a door, identified himself and I did not have to shoot.

Most of the scenarios are "close calls" — in other words, the officer has only a split second in which to decide whether or not to shoot.

"They make those for those close calls. It's a good training tool," Ruebhausen said. "Once you pull the trigger, it's over."

While I did not fail the test, I was lucky Werthe did not place me in a scenario. Mayor Ron Selph tried — and passed.

Selph, a 20-year police officer, responded to a report of shots being fired at an automotive garage. As he walked into the dimly lit room — visibility was limited to 10 feet — he could see flashes of light and heard shots fired. He then heard footsteps running and saw a silhouette coming straight at him in the dark.

I am sure I would have shot in that situation. Selph didn't shoot. His years of experience told him not to.

As the runner came near — about five feet away — he identified himself as a police officer.

Ruebhausen did fail one scenario. He discovered a young man in a "Raiders" jacket pounding on an automated teller machine in a vacant mall. The teen saw Ruebhausen and pulled a gun from his pocket. Ruebhausen shot — right before he realized that the youth was putting the gun down.

Those two situations are probably the best justification for spending \$250,000 on FATS. Some might say the machine is nothing more than a very expensive toy for cops. But it can give young, inexperienced officers the experience in making split-second, life-and-death decisions. And even the most experienced officer can gain valuable training from the device. It is much better that they be taught on a training machine than on the streets, where their decisions carry more significant consequences.

I also learned something from FATS. I realized that officers rarely know what they will run into when responding to a call. Fortunately, most situations don't require use of lethal force. But every one potentially could.

I came away from the experience with a new sense of admiration and respect for police officers who have to make real life-and-death decisions more often than most of them wish.



(Staff photos by JOHN FRES)

## Stash Trash volunteers honored



The Tri-Cities Chamber of Commerce recently held an awards luncheon to honor teams from the Community Pride Committee's annual Stash Trash classic. Above, Cheri Cerkoski of Laidlaw Waste Systems, left, presents Sgt. Maj. David Griffith and Rosemary Bubnick of the Melvin Price Support Center with the award for the top large group. At right is R.C. Bush, chamber executive vice president.

At left, Loretta Harmon of McDonald's restaurant, left, receives the small-group third-place award from Cerkoski. Becky Wingerter of Head Start and Bush are also pictured. McDonald's and Head Start joined forces last year.



Mary Brown, left, and Jill Shaw, second from right, of Belleville Area College's Granite City Campus, receive the small-group first-place plaque from Cerkoski and Bush. Their group collected 87 bags of litter.



Glenn O'Bryan of Waste Management, second from left, presents donations to Floyd Jordan of the Boy Scouts and Charlene MacAlister and Liz Lengyel of the Girl Scouts.



Barb DuVall of Central Bank, left, receives the second-place award for small groups from Cerkoski and Bush. Central Bank collected 51 bags.



Mark Hatscher from the Madison County Probation Department, left, receives the special award given for the more than 120 bags collected by the department.



Bob Maxwell from Granite City Steel, left, hands a traveling trophy over to Jack Grieves of St. Elizabeth Medical Center. The management at the steel plant and the hospital challenged each other two years ago to a duel in cleaning up the central area of downtown.



Lori Saucier, left, of Roosevelt Bank receives the fourth-place small-group award from Bush. Her group, which included Cherie Karius and Helen Fetter, right, collected 25 bags. Those interested in joining the effort this year may call the Chamber at 876-6400.

## • Simulator

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screen. The special screen can sense the precise time and location of "gunshots" from simulated weapons carried by the officer under training.

During a training session, an officer is placed in several different scenarios and required to react to the situation depicted. Some situations require the officer to use deadly force — or be killed. Others are "no shoot" situations. Most scenarios have an option for either, and the person operating the machine decides what will come next.

The officer can also "take cover" behind a number of obstacles placed in the room to avoid being shot by a video "suspect."

After the scenario is completed, the officer must justify his action. The machine replays the scene to show the officer's reaction time, the exact location of gunshots (if any are fired) and whether each shot was lethal.

Granite City Police Chief Dave Ruebhausen said firearm instruction is essential for all officers and that the training device is ideal preparation for all officers of every level of experience.

"We are fortunate to be able to provide state-of-the-art firearms training such as this. Even though officers use firearms in an extremely small fraction of their everyday duties, when they do use them it can result in dire consequences," Ruebhausen said.

Ruebhausen said that it is impossible to predict when use of deadly force is necessary.

"Ask the officers who responded to Dave's Movies and More Feb. 4, 1994, and they would not have predicted the incident," Ruebhausen said, referring to an infamous incident where a crazed gunman began firing rounds — apparently at random — at various businesses, movie store customers and patrons on the parking lot in Granite City.

"That just illustrates that every time you climb in a squad car or respond to a call, you don't know what's waiting," Ruebhausen said.

Ruebhausen said FATS III training is mandatory for all 53 of the city's sworn police officers as well as all 35 members of the police auxiliary.



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## •TIF

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and the city of Madison," Mayor John Bellicoff said after the ordinances were approved.

In the TIF district, the amount of tax revenue received by taxing bodies is frozen. As improvements are made, the value of the property and the tax revenue it generates increases.

However, that increased revenue goes into a special fund that can only be used to make approved improvements in the district.

The TIF district's lifetime can be up to 23 years.

The district includes approximately 615 acres on both sides of the Cahokia Diversion Canal.

Alan Orthals of the Southwestern Illinois Development Authority, which was hired by the city to prepare the TIF, said SWIDA has recently given tentative approval to the issuing of \$21.5 million in industrial revenue bonds for the raceway, and that proposal has been sent to Gov. Jim Edgar's office.

Construction on the first phase — a new drag strip — is expected to begin in March and be completed by August.

In addition to two ordinances establishing the TIF district, the council passed an ordinance amending the city's zoning code, annexing approximately 27.5 acres of land owned by Waste Management Inc. and eliminated enterprise zone tax abatements within the TIF district.

City Attorney Casper Nighohossian said the land was between the radio towers and the Cahokia Diversion Canal, and was surrounded by city. The land will be zoned B-3.

The council also approved rezoning all the land south of the canal from industrial to business.

The council also approved adding several allowed uses to areas zoned B-3. These uses include automotive racing, testing and teaching facilities; truck and automotive full service travel plazas; and golf courses.

## •Sentence

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son avenues in the 2000 block, where the beating allegedly took place.

Thompson, Smith and Gibson were all arrested in the same home in Venice shortly after the beating, police said.

Cammack, a member of the state since he ran away from a court hearing in 1994 — has been in a coma since the attack. He is not expected to regain consciousness.

## •Stages

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owns the club, the same management is still running it.

"I had an argument three days ago (with a U.S. Marshal)," he said. "They don't know who's checking IDs."

"We can go in there on Friday and we can arrest 25-30 teenagers who are drinking," he said.

The council instructed Skoklo to seek the assistance of the St. Clair County Sheriff's Department and Illinois State Police.

He told council members that the state police had a special unit for sobriety checkpoints, and that he had arranged for their assistance but it was canceled after the federal government seized the club.

"We had it set up to run in November, but they closed the club and we canceled the operation," he said.

Skoklo also said city officials need to rethink age restrictions at bars and nightclubs.

"Our ordinance doesn't state an age," he said. "We need to rewrite our ordinances."

City Attorney Casper Nighohossian said police could take action against underage drinkers without any changes in the ordinances.

Others argued the license should be seized immediately because of the problems of the club.

"Take their liquor license and let them sell soda," said Alderman Michael Vrabec.

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## Landlords' suit draws interest

By Mike Viola  
Staff writer

A lawsuit involving the village of Cahokia and landlords from throughout the Metro East is now drawing international attention.

The lawsuit concerns whether the village can charge landlords an annual fee. The ruling is expected to serve as a precedent for future disputes.

"Investors from as far away as Waterloo in Saskatchewan, Canada, are watching this case," said Jo-Ann Lawson, vice president of the Metro East Landlord Association.

Both sides of the issue agree on one thing, that the ruling in the case could impact every non-home rule community.

"We are at the forefront of this issue," noted Vince Lopinot, village attorney for

Cahokia.

Village Trustee Norma Jones said that municipalities throughout the Metro East are watching the case closely.

Cities with high levels of renters, like East St. Louis, Washington Park, Centerville and Alorton could be significantly affected if similar policies are adopted in their communities.

Jones said that if the village is successful, communities throughout the Metro East will likely start passing similar ordinances almost immediately.

The dispute, lasting more than a year, began when a village ordinance established an annual fee of \$100 for landlords who owned three

buildings or less.

For each additional building, the landlord is charged an additional \$100.

Village officials contend that the landlords are operating a business and should pay a fee like other businesses in the village.

The village also wants to reduce a growing trend of out-of-town landlords buying up dozens of properties, and turning them into rentals with little concern about the appearance of the property.

Representatives of the landlords' association have told the village that they too are concerned about landlords who do not keep up their property, but said a rental property fee is not the solution.

"If Cahokia is permitted this gross imposition, every little town that needs cash will surely follow," Lawson said.

Lawson also noted that the legal bills for the association continues to mount as the lawsuit drags on.

The lawsuit process is winding down with the recent completion of all the depositions needed for the case.

The courts will review the deposition and make a summary judgment.

Lopinot said that both sides agree on the basic facts of the case. The only dispute is whether or not a village like Cahokia has the authority to charge the rental property fee.

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## Warriors whip Hazelwood West

By Rob Raphael  
Staff writer

With the playoffs looming in the distance, it appears the Granite City hockey team is ready for the second season. After a brief late-season lull, the Warriors look like their old selves lately, as they improved to 17-2 Monday with a 12-1 trouncing of Hazelwood West at Wilson Park.

EIGHT DIFFERENT Warriors lit the lamp on Monday, as Granite City continues to see more and more players join in on the scoring fun. Jim Conrad stopped 13 shots to pick up the win in goal. Mikal Guffey tallied three times and assisted on three other goals to lead the Warriors, and Bryan Loftus added a pair of goals. Brian Johnson scored once from the defense and added three assists. Bobby Pritchard also assisted on three goals. Finally, the Warriors look like the team that was 12-0 at one point in the season. "We actually fell behind 1-0 in the game, although we were peppering their net," said assistant coach Will Connolly. "The kids were playing hard,



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but nothing would go in their net. Even when we were up 3-1 in the first, we felt like it should have been much more, because we were dominating."

CLINT PHELPS continued his improved scoring pace with the Warriors' first goal, and Loftus and Guffey also scored before the end of the first period. Phelps scored again early in the second period, and Todd McQueen gave Granite City a 5-1 lead with 4:43 left in the middle period.

But the big fireworks came in the third period. In a span of 3:03, the Warriors scored six times — three on one shift. David Miskelley set up Guffey at 9:36, and Guffey scored again at 9:56 unassisted. He then set up linemate Aaron Reeves for a goal at 10:46 that made the score 8-1.

"I told the guys before the game that it might be a good chance to move around a bit," Connolly said. "Move some guys that usually play back up to forward, and vice versa.



Granite City's Brian Johnson moves the puck out of danger as goaltender Jim Conrad looks on. Johnson had four points in Monday's 12-1 win.

But I wanted to wait until we had a big, comfortable lead before I did anything like that. It was just kind of a reward for all their good play."

SURE ENOUGH, after

Reeves' goal, the Warriors switched some players around, but the effect was the same. Jared Brown scored with 3:24 left, and Loftus added his second with 2:51 remaining. Len Wilson then scored a

goal from Pritchard at 12:49, and Johnson completed his four-point night with a goal at the 14:12 mark.

On the game, the Warriors outshot the Wildcats 41-14. (See WARRIORS, Page 2B)

## Freshmen capture own tourney

By Rob Raphael  
Staff writer

The Granite City High School freshman basketball team may be the biggest sports secret in town right now.

The Warriors are 9-3 overall, and two weeks ago they won the Granite City Freshman Tournament with a perfect 3-0 record. The Warriors defeated Wood River (49-28), Civic Memorial (54-41) and Althoff (30-26) on their way to the championship.

"IT'S THE FIRST time since I've been coaching here that we won our own tournament," said GCHS freshman coach Daren DePew. "I knew we were capable of winning it, but I also knew that some of the teams were awfully good. "But we stepped up to the level that we needed to be at. We had played well this year, but until the tournament we hadn't done it on a consistent basis."

The Warriors had won eight games in a row before action resumed late last week with games against Alton, Althoff and a tournament in Hazelwood. (See TOURNEY, Page 2B)

## Coolidge grapplers win tourney

By Rob Raphael  
Staff writer

Coolidge Middle School successfully presented the fourth annual George Nemeth Memorial Wrestling Tournament last weekend, with Granite City wrestlers picking up six titles.

Nine teams from the area were on hand for the event, which is named after former Granite City wrestler George Nemeth. One of the best wrestlers ever from the Granite City area, Nemeth was a state champion as a high school sophomore in 1956-57, and again as a junior in '57-58.

HE POSTED 43 straight wins at one point in his high school career, and eventually coached on the high school level at Granite City North. Nemeth died from a massive heart attack at the age of 39.

The tournament held in his honor was a rousing success for Granite City wrestlers. Coolidge won the event for the third straight time with 185 team points. Murphysboro placed second with 164 points while Belleville was third with 115.5 points, followed by Edwardsville (82) and Grigsby (57). The Gators had one champion, one second-place finisher and two fourth-place winners. Coolidge finished with 10 place winners, including five champions, two second-place finishers and two third-place winners.

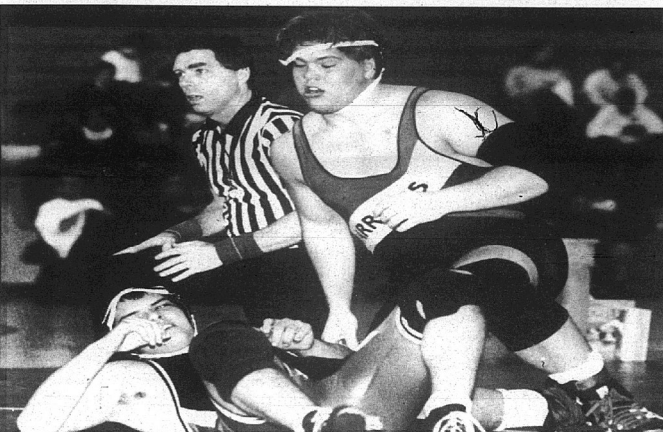
Granite City place winners included Steven Peach (Coolidge), second at 77 pounds; and Bill Witt (Grigsby), fourth. Jake Tritan of Coolidge was first at 84 pounds, while Pat Thomas of Grigsby placed fourth. Gary Oxford of Coolidge was the 92-pound champion, and Chad Wilson of Coolidge was the 100-pound runner-up.

"THE BRAVES' Dan Robinson was third at 114 pounds, and John Nicol was fourth at 128. Joe Waltermann of Grigsby was second at 137 pounds, and Fred Beyrau of Coolidge was first at 147. The Braves' George Kirgan placed first at 157 pounds.

"This was a special win for George, and he was even named as outstanding wrestler," said Granite City Wrestling Club coach Allen Kirgan. "Since he's named after George Nemeth, it makes it all that much more exciting."

Also placing at the tourney were Coolidge wrestler Bobby Grammer (172 pounds), who finished first; Jason Newman of Grigsby, who placed first at heavyweight; and Nick Garcia of Coolidge, who placed third at heavyweight.

Although the event was not a Granite City Wrestling Club function, Kirgan wanted to thank the members of the organization who helped with the Coolidge event.



GCHS senior wrestler Chris Janek pins an opponent. Janek and GCHS begin the postseason Saturday at the Belleville West Class AA Regional.

## Trojans blast Beaumont

By Rob Raphael  
Staff writer

Well, the Trojans were due for an easy one. Madison got scoring from 10 different players on Tuesday, and easily defeated Beaumont 80-33 in a nonconference game at Madison.

The Trojans (11-8) were led by a near triple-double from Maurice Baker, who scored 15 points and added nine assists, seven steals and 14 rebounds. Tywanley Patten had 14 points and 10 rebounds, and Kevin Bradley added 10 points and 12 rebounds.

ADD TO THAT 10 points from Demond Simms, who is still working his way back into the lineup after an injury, and you have the kind of balanced scoring attack coach Al Collins says he needs from his team.

"That's what we have to do to win consistently," he said. "We're looking ahead to the (Freeburg) regional right now, and it's going to be one of the best regionals in the state, I think."

"We're going to have to get to the point where we're playing like that every night." Madison had played Beaumont before this season, in the University City tourney. The Trojans also won that game, but not nearly as easily.

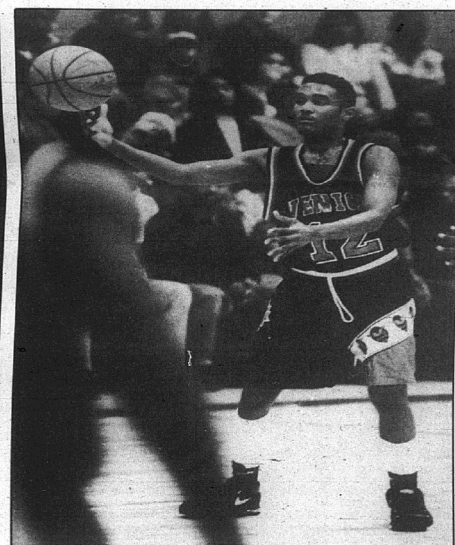
"I TALKED TO their coach," Collins said, "and he said they're really down right now, and he's not sure why. They looked down, like they weren't confident. We came out and jumped right on them."

The Trojans built an early 10-2 lead and led 18-5 after the first period. They scored nearly at will in the second period, and led 38-12 with a minute to go in the half. The Trojans broke at intermission leading 40-15.

Things were a bit closer in the third period, but a 23-9 fourth quarter quickly put things (See TROJANS, Page 3B)



Madison junior Jerind Howard elevates for a jump shot.



Venice guard Kevin Roberts had 15 points in Tuesday's game against Columbia.

## Eagles edge way past Devils 78-73

By Rob Raphael  
Staff writer

Venice continued to improve its level of play Tuesday, but it also continued its string of playing tough Class A basketball teams.

The Red Devils traveled to Columbia to face the high-flying Eagles, who have struggled lately, losing four of five games. Although Venice gave them a big scare, Columbia recovered and found its way to a 78-73 nonconference win.

Venice (5-12) came out on fire, and burned its way to a 16-2 lead in the first five minutes of the opening quarter.

"WE LOOKED LIKE gang-busters in that first quarter," said Venice coach Clinton Harris. "We looked unstoppable. It was the best we have played in a long, long time, and even though I'm sure Columbia wasn't looking past us, I don't think they came out ready."

"But Coach (Darrell) Burd had a word or two for them before the second period, and they turned it around. We couldn't regain the momentum

from that point." After scoring just seven points in the first quarter, the Eagles (14-4) scored 14 in the first half of the second quarter, and got themselves back in the game by halftime. In the second quarter, it was the Devils who stopped scoring, and they led just 34-32 at intermission.

"What we did that first period was good, but it meant nothing if we couldn't keep it up," Harris said. "I felt like all we'd done in that first quarter was wake a sleeping dog. We never could deliver the knockout punch."

KIITA KENNEDY continued his improved scoring pace by netting 18 points, and Kevin Roberts added his usual 15 points and seven assists. Jami Edwards added 11 points and 13 rebounds for the Devils.

Columbia, of course, was led by the Patton brothers, Shawn and Ryan. The twin guards combined for 53 of Columbia's 78 points. Shawn Patton led all scorers with 28 points, and (See DEVILS, Page 3B)



# Stats 'n' stuff

## •Tourney -

(Continued from Page 1B)

There are no postseason tournaments, or even a conference tournament for the freshman team, so the regular season is it. The Warriors seem to be making the most of it.

"What's happening is the kids are playing their roles, and they're not trying to do any more or any less than they're asked to do. That's what it's all about," DeFew said.

"We're pressuring the ball well on defense, and using the inside game on offense. The kids adjusted to that, and have been executing it well over the last eight games or so."

Granite City followed up its fine tournament showing with wins over Edwardsville and Belleville East.

"We had just started to come together right before the tournament, and it carried over," DeFew said. "Our success comes from quickness at the guard spot, which allows us to pressure consistently, and good offense from the players down low on the post."

DeFew wasn't sure how many years the freshman tournament has been held at Granite City, but it is known that the tourney started back when there were two high schools in the city. Granite City North would host a sophomore tourney, and South would host the freshman competition.

DeFew said he had 45 freshmen come out for the team, but could only keep 15. Of course, he encourages those who did not make the team to work hard and try again as sophomores. But the bottom line is, the future of GCIS basketball looks very good.

"Certainly, we want to win and city winning. But our main goal is to teach fundamentals and help the players progress," DeFew said. "The junior high programs are very good, and the kids know something about the game when they get here. And the staff here at the high school is very solid. The program here is in good shape."

## •Warriors -

(Continued from Page 1B)

The Warriors have only one week's worth of games remaining before the playoff meeting on Feb. 7. Granite City plays McCluer North on Friday at North County, and again Monday at Wilson Park. In between, the Warriors play Pattonville on Saturday at Webster.

"That's it for the regular season, which will go down as one of the best in Granite City hockey history."

"It's been a very pleasant season," said Granite City head coach Dave Yurkovich. "We've received a great effort from the kids all season, and they've provided a lot of enthusiasm and shown a great willingness to learn."

"I think we've accomplished more this year than in the two previous years combined. Their hard work has made Will's job and my job a lot easier."

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## CLASS AA BOYS

**Collinsville Sectional**  
Alton, Belleville East, Belleville, Effingham, Glenwood, Marion, Mascoutah, Mattoon, Mount Carmel, Mount Vernon, Murphysboro, O'Fallon, Paris, Triad, Salem.

**Salem Sectional**  
Carbondale, Centralia, Charleston, Effingham, Highland, Marion, Mascoutah, Mattoon, Mount Carmel, Mount Vernon, Murphysboro, O'Fallon, Paris, Triad, Salem.

Opening rounds of sectionals will be played Feb. 26 and 28. Regional championship games are March 1. Games will be played on the home courts of the higher seeded teams. The sectional semifinals and finals will be March 5, 6 and 8.

**Carbondale Super-Sectional**  
March 12  
Collinsville Sectional winner vs. Salem sectional winner, 7:30 p.m.

**State tournament**  
Friday, March 15  
At Carver Arena, Peoria Civic Center

Game 1: Normal Super-Sectional winner vs. Aurora East Super-Sectional winner, 12:15 p.m.  
Game 2: Carbondale Super-Sectional winner vs. Evanston Super-Sectional winner, 1:45 p.m.  
Game 3: Hinsdale Central Super-Sectional winner vs. Rockford Super-Sectional winner, 6:45 p.m.  
Game 4: DuKalo Super-Sectional winner vs. Chicago Public League winner, 8:15 p.m.

Saturday, March 16  
Game 5: Game 1 winner vs. Game 2 winner, 11:15 a.m.  
Game 6: Game 3 winner vs. Game 4 winner, 12:45 p.m.  
Third place: Game 5 loser vs. Game 6 loser, 6:45 p.m.  
State championship: Game 5 winner vs. Game 6 winner, 8:15 p.m.

**CLASS A BOYS**  
Marissa Regional  
Monday, Feb. 19  
Game 1: Red Bud vs. New Athens, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 20  
Game 2: Giffault vs. Marissa, 6 p.m.  
Game 3: Sparta vs. Valmeyer, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 21  
Game 4: Marissa vs. Game 1 winner, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 22  
Game 5: Game 2 winner vs. Game 3 winner, 7:30 p.m.  
Friday, Feb. 23  
Title: Game 4 winner vs. Game 5 winner, 7:30 p.m.

**Benton Sectional**  
Feb. 27  
Game 1: Breese Central Regional winner vs. Christopher Regional winner, 7:30 p.m.

Feb. 28  
Game 2: Marissa Regional winner vs. DuQuoin Regional winner, 7:30 p.m.

March 1  
Championship: Game 1 winner vs. Game 2 winner, 7:30 p.m.

**Carbondale Super-Sectional**  
March 5  
Benton Sectional winner vs. Norris City-Omaha-Elfield sectional winner, 7:30 p.m.

**Bunker Hill Regional**  
Monday, Feb. 19  
Game 1: Metro East Lutheran vs. Greenville, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 20  
Game 2: Alton Marquette vs. Livingston, 6 p.m.

Game 3: Roxana vs. Staunton, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 21  
Game 4: Bunker Hill vs. Game 1 winner, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 22  
Game 5: Game 2 winner vs. Game 3 winner, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 23  
Title: Game 4 winner vs. Game 5 winner, 7:30 p.m.

**Freeburg Regional**  
Monday, Feb. 19  
Game 1: Freeburg vs. Lovejoy, 6 p.m.

Game 2: Althoff vs. Lebanon, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 20  
Game 3: Wesclin vs. Duplo, 6 p.m.

Game 4: Madison vs. Venice, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 21  
Game 5: Game 1 winner vs. Game 2 winner, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 22  
Game 6: Game 3 winner vs. Game 4 winner, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 23  
Title: Game 5 winner vs. Game 6 winner, 7:30 p.m.

**Vandalia Sectional**  
Feb. 28  
Game 1: Bunker Hill Regional winner vs. Freeburg Regional winner, 7:30 p.m.

Feb. 28  
Game 2: St. Elmo Regional winner vs. Morrisville Regional winner, 7:30 p.m.

March 1  
Championship: Game 1 winner vs. Game 2 winner, 7:30 p.m.

## CLASS AA GIRLS

**Collinsville Sectional**  
Monday, Feb. 12  
Game 1: Cahokia (16) at Belleville East (1), 7:30 p.m.

Game 2: Chatham Glenwood (9) at Jacksonville (8), 7:30 p.m.

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## Obituaries

## James Wilkinson

James G. Wilkinson, 74, of Mount Olive, formerly of the Granite City area, died at 7:30 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 28, 1996, at his residence. He was born April 15, 1921, in Mount Carmel.

A graduate of St. Mary's Catholic High School, Madison, he was a janitor at Haden's in Litchfield, a pipe fitter at the railroad in Venice and a bartender at Pete and Mary's Tavern.

Survivors include his wife, Helen Adeline (Banks) Wilkinson, whom he married Oct. 10, 1943, in Venice; one son, Robert Louis Wilkinson, formerly of Granite City; two daughters, Harriet A. Waddell of Mount Olive and Wanda Lee Tormine of Bend; two brothers, Hugh Melvin Wilkinson of Mount Carmel and Robert Bergrath of Mount Olive; nine grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Jordan Keen Wilkinson and Sara Alice (Lavelle) Wilkinson; three brothers, Otto, Chester and Charles; and two sisters, Alice and Mary.

Gravestone services will be held at a later date in Friendsville, Ill. Arrangements are being handled by Becker and Son Funeral Home, 221 S. Poplar St. in Mount Olive. (217) 993-3821.

## Ernie Stapleton

Ernie L. Stapleton Sr., 49, of Vienna, formerly of Granite City, died at 4:33 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 13, 1995. He was born Aug. 10, 1946, in Granite City.

Mr. Stapleton had been waiting on a heart transplant since Dec. 13, 1991. A steel worker with Granite City Steel prior to his retirement, he was a member of the Simpson Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Patricia (Pryor) Stapleton, whom he married Oct. 20, 1976; two sons, Ernie Stapleton Jr. of Vienna and Johnny Stapleton of Collinsville; two daughters, Lisa and Tricia Stapleton, both of Vienna; his parents, Louis Stapleton and Eleanor (Weeks) Stapleton of Simpson; one brother, Danny Stapleton of Waterloo; three sisters, Fannie Hogg of Granite City, Candy Rudolph of St. Louis and Claudia Stapleton of Highland; and three grandchildren.

Services were Dec. 16 at Simpson Baptist Church with the Rev. Ron Jackson officiating. Burial was in the Simpson Cemetery in Edgemoor. Arrangements were handled by Aly Funeral Home in Vienna.

## John Nelson

John E. Nelson, 56, of Edwardsville died at 4:15 p.m. Monday, Jan. 29, 1996, at his residence. He was born Feb. 28, 1939, in Madison.

Former owner of Big John Trucking in Edwardsville, he was pastor and member of Word Uncompromised Church in Edgemoor.

Survivors include his wife, Judith Ann (Woodbridge) Nelson, whom he married May 16, 1971, in St. Louis; two sons, John Nelson Jr. and Jeremy Nelson; one daughter, Jeanne Nelson; one stepdaughter, Benita Faye Wood; three brothers, Emmert Nelson of Madison, Nathaniel Nelson of St. Louis and Lorenzo Nelson of Kansas City, Mo.; five sisters, Alvora Collier of Madison, Stel-Gardner and Rosetta Nelson, both of Belleville, Velma Donald of Edwardsville and Earline Terry of Chicago; and two grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, Charles and Fay (Johnson) Nelson.

Mr. Nelson's remains were cremated. A memorial service was held Tuesday at Wood Uncompromised Church in Edgemoor. Arrangements were handled by Fletcher Funeral Home.

## Cornelius Odam

Cornelius D. Odam Sr. of Venice died Tuesday, Jan. 23, 1996, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center. He was born in Boyle, Miss.

Employed with A.O. Smith Corporation for more than 20 years, he was later employed by Maricome Community College as a maintenance engineer prior to his retirement in April 1995. Survivors include his wife, Josephine Odam, to whom he was married 38 years; one son, Cornelius Odam Jr., a graduate of the University of Missouri; and his mother, Rachel Cooper of Madison. Services were Monday at First Church of God in Madison with the Rev. Marguerite Rupert and the Rev. Walter Shuckoff officiating. Burial was in Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery in St. Louis County. Arrangements were handled by Officiers Funeral Home in East St. Louis.

## Carl Newbern

Carl E. Newbern, 87, of Brooklyn died at 10:31 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 28, 1996, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center. He was born in Brooklyn.

Mr. Newbern was employed with St. Louis Community College in East St. Louis as a maintenance engineer. Survivors include his wife, Effie B. Newbern; 10 children, Everett and Forest Newbern, Angela Moore, Marilyn Barnes and Bridgett Simms, all of Brooklyn; Carlos Newbern of Joliet; Hamul Newbern of Austin, Texas; Edwin Newbern of Venice, La.; Cynthia of Orlando, Fla.; and Cynthia of Venice, La.; 20 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

Visitation is from 4 to 9 p.m. Friday at Officiers Funeral Home, 2114 Midway Ave. in East St. Louis.

Services are at 11 a.m. Saturday at St. Elizabeth's Church, 203 Washington St. in Brooklyn, with the Rev. Cynthia Newbern officiating. Burial will be in Sunset Gardens of Memory in Millstadt.

## Eula Coleman

Eula Lee Coleman, 87, of East St. Louis died at 11:10 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 28, 1996, at Virgil Calvert Nursing Home in East St. Louis. She was born in Macon, Miss.

Survivors include two children, Katie Mae Taylor of Starsville, Miss., and Johnnie Lee Coleman of Madison; three brothers, Elder Guy Reese of St. Louis and Robert D. Reese of Columbus, Ohio; and one sister, Fannie G. Loveless of Madison.

Visitation is from 8 to 9 p.m. Friday at Officiers Funeral Home, 2114 Midway Ave. in East St. Louis.

Services are at 11 a.m. Saturday at Southern Baptist Church, 621 Biase St. in Madison, with the Rev. Edward Williamson officiating. Burial will be in Sunset Gardens of Memory in Millstadt.

## H. Strackeljahn

Harry Strackeljahn, 88, of Irving, Ill., formerly of Granite City, died at 8:20 p.m. Monday, Jan. 29, 1996, at a Hillsboro, Ohio, nursing home following a lengthy illness.

Mr. Strackeljahn was employed with Granite City Steel for many years prior to moving to Irving.

Survivors include his wife, Esther Strackeljahn; one brother, Fred Strackeljahn of Idaho Falls, Idaho; and two sons, Lloyd of More and Helen of Martine of Granite City.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Harry John Strackeljahn; his parents, John and Johanna (Neiderer) Strackeljahn; and four sisters, Amelia Riddick, Clara Stein, Edna O'Master

and Marie Reimler. Visitation is from 6 to 8 p.m. today, Thursday, at Patton Funeral Home in Hillsboro, where services are at 11 a.m. Friday.

## Manilla Settles

Manilla Elizabeth Settles, 57, of Omaha, Neb., died Wednesday, Jan. 24, 1996, in Omaha. She was born in St. Louis.

Mrs. Settles was a medical technician with the Veterans Hospital in St. Louis and Omaha. Survivors include two sons, Knuschev Keith Settles and Kevin Yuri Settles, both of Omaha; three daughters, Dairida Settles Valentine of Nashville, Tenn., and Iris Lee Settles and Anissa Lynn Settles, both of Omaha; her mother, Janie Dee Moore of Brooklyn; one brother, James A. Moore Jr. of St. Louis; two sisters, Daisy Moore Steele and Clara Bell Williams, both of Brooklyn; and 15 grandchildren.

Services were Saturday, Jan. 27, at Antioch Missionary Baptist Church in Brooklyn with the Rev. William Turner officiating. Burial was in Sunset Gardens of Memory in Millstadt.

## James Havron

James D. Havron, 63, of St. Louis died at 8:34 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 21, 1996, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Hillsboro and had been a resident of St. Louis for 40 years.

Owner and cosmetologist with Chezy-James Hair Designers for 38 years, he was a member of the American Association of Retired Persons and a Navy veteran.

Survivors include one brother-in-law, Carl Robinson of Granite City; one sister-in-law, Mary Havron of Granite City; and several nephews, nieces, grand-nephews and grand-nieces.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Melvin Harold Havron and Margaret Irma (Bryant) Havron; one brother, Melvin R. Havron, who died of leukemia; and one sister, Shirley A. Robinson, who died Dec. 10, 1988.

Mr. Havron's request, his remains be cremated.

Arrangements were handled by Warren Chapel for Funerals in Pontoon Beach.

Memorials are requested for the American Cancer Society, in care of the funeral home, 3939 Lake Drive, Pontoon Beach, Ill., 62040.

## Sular Moore

Sular Hamm Moore, 90, of Madison died Tuesday, Jan. 23, 1996, at Virgil Calvert Nursing Home in East St. Louis. She was born in Gregory, Ark.

Survivors include one brother, Floyd Kelley of Granite City; four sisters, Rosemary McCord of Bethalto, Ida House of Granite City, Wanda Lynn of McHenry, Ill., and Martha Mowery of St. Charles; and two half sisters, Opal Wilson and Marjorie Kamudskis, both of Granite City; and one stepbrother, Harold Mowery of Grand Junction, Colo.

He was preceded in death by his parents, James and Altha (Sharp) Kelley; his mother, one sister, and one half sister.

Visitation is from 5 to 8 p.m. today, Thursday, at Williamson Funeral Home in Staunton, where services are at 11:30 a.m. Friday with the Rev.

Survivors include one sister, Willie B. Aaron of Benton Harbor, Mich. Services were Saturday, Jan. 27, at Southern Missionary Baptist Church in Madison with the Rev. Edward Williamson officiating. Burial was in Sunset Gardens of Memory in Millstadt.

## Earl McMillan

Earl P. McMillan, 76, of Granite City died at 12:22 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 30, 1996, at his residence. He was born Jan. 1, 1920, in Venice and had been a resident of Madison for two years.

A homemaker, he was a former member of the Moose Lodge in Granite City and of the Protestant faith. Survivors include three brothers, William Shaw of Plantation, Fla., and Melvin and Robert Hubert, both of Granite City; and three sisters, Mildred Walker of Troy and Shirley Heath and Doris Martin, both of Granite City.

He was preceded in death by his husband, Ernest Darr, whom he married in 1970 in Jerseyville, and who died in 1972; her parents, Frank and Elsie (Taylor) Quinlan; and two brothers, George Hubert and Leroy Williams.

Visitation is from 4 to 9 p.m. today, Thursday, and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday at the funeral home, 1416 Niedringhaus Ave. in Granite City, where services are at 1 p.m. Friday. Burial will be in Shipman City Cemetery.

## Garvin Butler

Garvin A. "Chip" Butler III, 43, of Mayville died at 10:10 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 28, 1996, at Anderson Hospital, Mayville. He was born Sept. 25, 1952, in Mayville.

A floor layer with Butler Flooring in Granite City and the Granite City Carpenter Local 633, he was a member of First Presbyterian Church in Granite City and the Granite City Carpenters.

Survivors include one daughter, Tara Ann Butler of Granite City; his parents, Garvin A. Butler Jr. and Lorraine (Massie) Butler of Mayville; one sister, Sherry Stanford of Granite City; his paternal grandmother, Georgia Butler of Granite City; and one grandson.

He was preceded in death by his paternal grandfather and his maternal grandparents.

Services are at 11 a.m. today, Thursday, at Irwin Chapel, 3960 Maryville Road in Granite City, with the Rev. Lewis Trotter officiating. Burial will be in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates in Glen Carbon.

Memorials are requested for First Presbyterian Church.

## Richard Kelley

Richard T. Kelley, 67, of rural New Douglas died at 8:45 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 30, 1996, at Rosewood Care Center in Edwardsville. He was born Nov. 1, 1928, in Granite City.

A first helper with the open heart furnace at American Steel Company in Granite City for many years prior to his retirement in 1984, he was a member of the American Steel Company and a Korean War U.S. Army veteran.

Survivors include one brother, Floyd Kelley of Granite City; four sisters, Rosemary McCord of Bethalto, Ida House of Granite City, Wanda Lynn of McHenry, Ill., and Martha Mowery of St. Charles; and two half sisters, Opal Wilson and Marjorie Kamudskis, both of Granite City; and one stepbrother, Harold Mowery of Grand Junction, Colo.

He was preceded in death by his parents, James and Altha (Sharp) Kelley; his mother, one sister, and one half sister.

Visitation is from 5 to 8 p.m. today, Thursday, at Williamson Funeral Home in Staunton, where services are at 11:30 a.m. Friday with the Rev.

Thomas Wenig officiating. Burial will be in Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery in St. Louis County. Arrangements are requested for Zion Lutheran Church in Bethalto.

## Ardella Darr

Ardella Mae (Hubert) Darr, 58, of Madison, formerly of Granite City, died at 12:22 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 30, 1996, at her residence. She was born Jan. 1, 1940, in Venice and had been a resident of Madison for two years.

A homemaker, she was a former member of the Moose Lodge in Granite City and of the Protestant faith. Survivors include three brothers, William Shaw of Plantation, Fla., and Melvin and Robert Hubert, both of Granite City; and three sisters, Mildred Walker of Troy and Shirley Heath and Doris Martin, both of Granite City.

He was preceded in death by his husband, Ernest Darr, whom he married in 1970 in Jerseyville, and who died in 1972; her parents, Frank and Elsie (Taylor) Quinlan; and two brothers, George Hubert and Leroy Williams.

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## Furnace

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## Madison

Owners of buy one \$25. Public invited. The complete City Council that owners proposal work for each home sleeping room. Opponents proponents landlords are.

## Workshops set

Greater Madison County Federation of Labor is sponsoring two workshops on subjects affecting workers in today's workplace.

The workshops, on workers compensation in the morning and safety and health in the afternoon, will be from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday at the ILSA 3643 Hall, 2821 E. Broadway, Alton.

To register or for more information, call Norma Gaines at 931-1068 after 5 p.m.

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# News in review

News in review provides a summary of some of the past week's stories. This column is designed for out-of-town readers who do not receive the Sunday and Wednesday Press-Record/Journals.

## Lake level worries Pontoon

Pontoon Beach officials and residents expressed concerns last week about water levels at Horseshoe Lake, but officials at the Metro East Sanitary District and the Illinois Department of Natural Resources said they are dealing with the problem.

At last week's village board meeting, building inspector Bob Barthelemy said the lake was high because of recent rains and snowmelt and that ditches along Illinois 111 were not draining. He said it was necessary to lower the water level in the lake or risk flooding.

MESD and DNR officials said they opened the floodgates and started draining last week.

## Juveniles arrested after fight

Three juveniles were arrested by Venice police after refusing to leave the scene of a fight on the Venice High School grounds late Saturday.

The three, ages 15, 14 and 13, were charged with disorderly conduct and disobeying a lawful command.

Police reports said the three were reportedly yelling "gang phrases" referring to the Bloods, and police were forced to use pepper mace to subdue them.

## Furnace blamed in death

One day after a public housing employee worked on the furnace in an apartment in Anchorage Homes, the 68-year-old resident of the apartment overheard and died because the furnace would not shut off, a coroner's jury has ruled.

A Madison County coroner's jury ruled Thursday that Mary Ann Pransitis died Christmas Eve from accidental hyperthermia in her apartment in the 2400 block of Anchorage Homes.

A Granite City police investigation into the death revealed that faulty wiring to a furnace thermostat in Pransitis' apartment kept the heat running regardless of the actual temperature.

## Madison may cut rental fee

Owners of rental property in the city of Madison will have to buy one \$25 business license under a proposal ironed out in a hotly debated committee meeting Thursday.

The compromise proposal, scheduled to be considered by the full City Council next month, cuts significantly the license fee that owners of rental property would have to pay. A previous proposal would have forced property owners to pay a \$50 fee for each house and apartment unit and \$10 for hotel and sleeping rooms.

Opponents said that the law penalizes good landlords, while proponents said too many problem renters and absentee landlords are causing properties to deteriorate.

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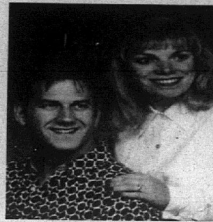


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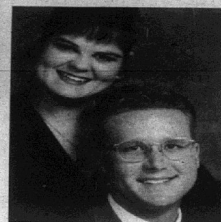
## Nesbit-Lehman

Michelle Renee Nesbit, daughter of George Michael Nesbit and Charlotte Nesbit of Granite City, and Steven Charles Lehman, son of Charles and Sandra Lehman of Peoria, Ariz., and James and Elaine Sheaffer of Mount Pulaski, Ill., have announced their engagement.

Nesbit, of Normal, is a 1996 graduate of Granite City High School and a 1990 business communications graduate of Maryville University in St. Louis. She is employed with Illinois Power Co. in Bloomington as a customer relations manager.

Lehman, a 1989 graduate of Mount Pulaski High School and a 1992 social criminal justice graduate of Lincoln Land Community College, is employed with Bridgestone/Firestone in a Decatur. He will be attending Illinois State University to finish a computer aided design degree.

An April 27 wedding at Bellecourt Place in Belleville is being planned.



Susan Becherer and Todd Propes

## Becherer-Propes

Susan Becherer, daughter of Mary Ellen Becherer of Granite City and the late Robert Becherer, and Todd Propes, son of Judy Propes of Granite City and the late Edward Propes, have announced their engagement.

Becherer of Olney is a 1990 graduate of Granite City High School and a 1995 graduate of St. Louis College of Pharmacy with a science degree in pharmacy. She is employed with the Good Samaritan Hospital in Vincennes, Ind., as a pharmacist.

Propes, also of Olney, is a 1989 graduate of Granite City High School and a 1991 graduate of St. Louis Forest Park Community College with a degree in mortuary science. He is employed by Summers-Kistler Funeral Home in Olney as a mortician.

A June 1 wedding in Pierron, Ill., is being planned.



Kathryn Scaturro and Jerry Endicott

## Scaturro-Endicott

Kathryn M. Scaturro, daughter of Robert and Donna Scaturro of Granite City, and Jerry W. Endicott, son of Jerry and Wanda Endicott of Granite City, have announced their engagement.

Scaturro of Granite City is a dental hygiene student, graduating in May 1996.

Endicott is a physical therapy assisting student, graduating in August 1996. He is employed with Belfountain Mental Rehabilitation Center in St. Louis as a developmental assistant.

An Oct. 5 wedding at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Madison is being planned.



Christina Scaturro and Brett Caruso

## Scaturro-Caruso

Christina R. Scaturro, daughter of Robert and Donna Scaturro of Granite City, and Brett A. Caruso, son of Dennis and Linda Caruso of Granite City, have announced their engagement.

Scaturro of Granite City is a student at McKendree College in Lebanon, graduating in May 1996.

Caruso is employed with American Steel Foundries in Granite City as a maintenance supervisor.

An Oct. 5 wedding at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Madison is being planned.

## Briefly

**Hoes**  
Jeffrey S. and Lynn R. Hoes of Granite City have announced the birth of their first child, a son, Alexander Scott Hoes was born at 2:15 a.m. Jan. 5, 1996, at Barnes Hospital in St. Louis and weighed 3 pounds, 15 ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Jack and Shirley Ledbetter of Belleville. Paternal grandparents are Bobby and Jeanette Hoes of Granite City.

## Horoscope

**Thursday, Feb. 1**  
The luminous moon in sensitive Cancer today smoothes over any rough spots in close family relationships. The moon is the celestial ruler of Cancer, so every month, when the moon enters this home-loving sign, intimate relationships are highlighted and sweetly harmonized.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)**  
If you act with a positive attitude, others will follow suit. Convince meekness early, when your ESP is high. Frank discussions with kids bring surprising results. An ex sides with you for a change. Love with a friend is best.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)**  
Jealous co-workers or neighbors undermine your plans. Be secretive. Keep your lover apart from your family or he or she will get cold feet. Money comes from phone calls. Make time for siblings. Attend school events.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21)**  
Stop justifying your actions. You have power and your reputation working for you. Office politics leads to raises and promotions. Your luck centers on a new business idea. Show initiative, and others will follow.

**CANCER (June 22-July 22)**  
Your priorities are mixed up. Make lists — follow a routine. Don't jump to everyone's call. You have luck with crafts. Enter contests. Small home improvements make high differences. A lover is not worth your effort.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)**  
Keep practicing — you are close to being perfect. Sizzling passions are reignited both in love and with your career. Looming opportunities are even bigger than you realize. Look your best, and expect fabulous chance meetings.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Feb. 1)**  
Wake up, and stop falling into the same old routine as the stars want you to have something better. Your timing improves in March, when deals go through, favors are granted and legal maneuvers succeed. Neighbors and relatives repay kindness and money in April. Expect windfalls through hard work in October.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)**  
You feel better because of new love or new commitments. Take on new responsibilities. The more you do, the more effective you are. An elusive offer or proposal comes. Seek out more variety in your social life.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)**  
Good intentions please others, but you need to make some marked alterations. Put fitness, nutrition and education high on your list. Saratoga fact from fiction when it comes to love. Vary your routine for immediate luck.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)**  
An element of surprise benefits you and your projects. Details are important — don't gloss over them. Get financial estimates before spending. Blind dates and matchmaking lead to new, solid love prospects.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)**  
Others frown on your activities, but you are right. Your confidence in yourself convinces others to back you. Don't allow anger to drive you from work to family. Someone close is testing your loyalty and patience.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)**  
Wake up to the possibilities others present in a slapdash way. Recognize that partners really care, and stop questioning. New people and environments fire your ambitions. A neighbor rescinds his or her threats.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)**  
You make a dramatic impression, saving a job, relationship or deal. Family members mirror your attitudes and actions, so set a good example. Explanations don't tell the whole story. Others back you financially.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)**  
New ways to supplement your earnings lead to success beyond your dreams. Team up with in-laws and relatives for new financial projects. Make allowances for older parents.

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